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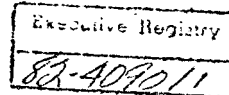
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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Bill:

The Senate Committee on Armed Services is looking forward to your worldwide intelligence briefing as part of the committee's posture hearings in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 1983.

I have asked the committee's staff to discuss with your agency our particular areas of interest. I would also like to present some general thoughts for your consideration in preparing your testimony.

From the committee's perspective, the primary purpose of the intelligence briefing is to identify long-term worldwide and regional military, political, and economic trends affecting U.S. security interests, missions, and programs. A secondary purpose of the hearing is to receive a brief presentation and analysis of current worldwide security events and problems. In past hearings, the priority of these two purposes has often been reversed.

For the most part, the recommendations that the committee will make on the defense authorization request are designed to provide U.S. military capabilities required in the long term. In preparing your testimony, I would request that you seek to emphasize, to the extent possible, the agency's estimates of long-term trends. I fully recognize the difficulties and uncertainties inherent in such projections; however, any insights that you might be able to provide in this regard would be most useful to the committee's work.

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I am looking forward to your appearance before the committee and the excellent testimony the agency has consistently provided.

Sincerely,


John Tower